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ALAMEDA COUNTY ANNOUNCES A "SHELTER IN PLACE" ORDER FOR ALL RESIDENTS THROUGH TUESDAY, APRIL 7

City of Dublin Declares a State of Emergency

DUBLIN, Calif., March 16, 2020 – In order to stop the transmission of the coronavirus (COVID-19), Alameda County, along with five other Bay Area counties, have issued "shelter in place" orders, beginning at midnight tonight and lasting through Tuesday, April 7, 2020. All residents are directed to stay inside their homes and away from others as much as possible. Non-essential gatherings of any size are now banned, along with non-essential travel. The City Dublin has cancelled all meetings until further notice, including the planned City Council meeting of Tuesday, March 17, and the Planning Commission meeting previously scheduled for Tuesday, March 24.

The directive allows for people to go shopping for necessary food and supplies, accessing essential healthcare, and providing assistance to family and friends in need. Getting outdoor exercise is deemed alright as long as people maintain a distance of six feet from others. Grocery stores, pharmacies, veterinary services, gas stations, auto repair shops, hardware stores, banks, and laundry services may remain open; restaurants may stay open to provide takeout food only.

All residents are to work from home, or stop working, unless they provide an essential service, such as health care workers; police, fire, and other emergency responders; and utility providers, including sanitation workers, plumbers, and electricians. Police have been given the authority to enforce the "shelter in place" order.

Dublin City Manager Linda Smith has also declared a <u>State of Emergency</u>, which will be ratified by the Dublin City Council within the next seven days. The declaration will allow for the City to qualify for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and to seek other state or federal relief for expenses incurred during this emergency.

While Dublin City Hall will be closed, essential City of Dublin staff will remain working at City Hall in order to be available to answer the public's needs. For more information, please visit www.dublin.ca.gov/coronavirus or call (925) 833-6650.

Attachment: County of Alameda Final Order to Shelter in Place

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